

Miami Dade County – USPS Address Standards

An address has the following components; house number, pre-direction, street name (number), street type, post-direction, unit designators, city, state and zip code. When formatting addresses into a database the address field should contain the house number, pre-direction, street name (number), street type and post-direction components. All other components should be contained within their own field. Zip code should be separated from the zip+4 designations. For the purposes of this document we will parse the address from left to right. This document describes the address standards for all components of an address.

1 House Number

23456 SW 159th Ct

The first component of an address is the house number. The house number is from one to five numeric digits.

2 Pre-directional

345 NW 72nd Ave

The second component is the pre-directional. Abbreviate according to the appropriate one or two character abbreviation:

<i>Direction</i>	<i>Abbv.</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Abbv.</i>
North	N	Northeast	NE
South	S	Northwest	NW
East	E	Southeast	SE
West	W	Southwest	SW

3 Street Name

5680 SW 87th Ave

The third component is the street name. Numeric street names, should be written using numeric characters and with the appropriate endings, for example, 7th, 72nd, 56th, 3rd. If a street name contains a direction it should be spelled out.

The following are standardized examples of county, state, and local highways (see Appendix B for an expanded table).

Name

COUNTY ROAD 20
COUNTY HIGHWAY 140
HIGHWAY 50
INTERSTATE 680
ROAD 123
STATE HIGHWAY 335
STATE ROUTE 39
US HIGHWAY 70
TOWNSHIP ROAD 20

4 Street Types

43789 NW 77th **Cir**

The fourth component is the street type. The street type of the address should conform to the standard street type abbreviations listed in [Appendix A](#).

43789 NW 77th **Circle Pl**

If an address has two consecutive words that appear on the street type table ([Appendix A](#)), abbreviate the second of the two words according to the street type table and place it in the street type position of the address. The first of the two words is part of the primary name. Spell it out and add it to the street name.

5 Post-directional

13700 Kendale Lakes Cr **E**

The fifth component is the post-directional. See item 2 pre-directional for standardization.

6 Unit Designators

5576 S Miami Ave **Apt 13**

The sixth component is the unit designator. Unit designators, such as APARTMENT or SUITE should not be included in the address field of a database. The unit designation should conform to the standard abbreviations listed in [Appendix C](#). The pound sign (#) should not be used as a secondary unit designator if the correct designation, such as APT or STE, is known.

7 City Names

The seventh component is the city name. Spell city names in their entirety.

8 State Names

The eight component of an address is the state name. The state name should be abbreviated to the standard two-letter abbreviation as listed in [Appendix D](#).

9 Zip code

The ninth component of an address is the zip code. The zip code or zip+4 must be correctly applied according to the USPS postal service. The primary zip code should be stored separately from the zip +4.

Appendix A

Street Type Abbreviations

	<i>Postal Service</i>
<i>Primary</i>	<i>Standard</i>
<i>Street Type</i>	<i>Street Type</i>
<i>Name</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>
ALLEY	ALY
ANNEX	ANX
ARCADE	ARC
AVENUE	AVE
BAYOU	BYU
BEACH	BCH
BEND	BND
BLUFF	BLF
BLUFFS	BLFS
BOTTOM	BTM
BOULEVARD	BLVD
BRANCH	BR
BRIDGE	BRG
BROOK	BRK
BROOKS	BRKS
BURG	BG

BURGS	BGS
BYPASS	BYP
CAMP	CP
CANYON	CYN
CAPE	CPE
CAUSEWAY	CSWY
CENTER	CTR
CENTERS	CTRS
CIRCLE	CIR
CIRCLES	CIRS
CLIFF	CLF
CLIFFS	CLFS
CLUB	CLB
COMMON	CMN
COMMONS	CMNS
CONCOURSE	CONC
CORNER	COR
CORNERS	CORS
COURSE	CRSE
COURT	CT
COURTS	CTS
COVE	CV
COVES	CVS
CREEK	CRK
CRESCENT	CRES
CREST	CRST
CROSSING	XING
CROSSROAD	XRD
CROSSROADS	XRDS
CURVE	CURV
DALE	DL
DAM	DM
DIVIDE	DV
DRIVE	DR
DRIVES	DRS
ESTATE	EST
ESTATES	ESTS

EXPRESSWAY	EXPY
EXTENSION	EXT
EXTENSIONS	EXTS
FALL	FALL
FALLS	FL
FERRY	FRY
FIELD	FLD
FIELDS	FLDS
FLAT	FLT
FLATS	FLTS
FORD	FRD
FORDS	FRDS
FOREST	FRST
FORGE	FRG
FORGES	FRGS
FORK	FRK
FORKS	FRKS
FORT	FT
FREEWAY	FWY
GARDEN	GDN
GARDENS	GDNS
GATEWAY	GTWY
GLEN	GLN
GLENS	GLNS
GREEN	GRN
GREENS	GRNS
GROVE	GRV
GROVES	GRVS
HARBOR	HBR
HARBORS	HBRs
HAVEN	HVN
HEIGHTS	HTS
HIGHWAY	HWY
HILL	HL
HILLS	HLS
HOLLOW	HOLW
INLET	INLT

ISLAND	IS
ISLANDS	ISS
ISLE	ISLE
JUNCTION	JCT
JUNCTIONS	JCTS
KEY	KY
KEYS	KYS
KNOLL	KNL
KNOLLS	KNLS
LAKE	LK
LAKES	LKS
LAND	LAND
LANDING	LNDG
LANE	LN
LIGHT	LGT
LIGHTS	LGTS
LOAF	LF
LOCK	LCK
LOCKS	LCKS
LODGE	LDG
LOOP	LOOP
MALL	MALL
MANOR	MNR
MANORS	MNRS
MEADOW	MDW
MEADOWS	MDWS
MEWS	MEWS
MILL	ML
MILLS	MLS
MISSION	MSN
MOTORWAY	MTWY
MOUNT	MT
MOUNTAIN	MTN
MOUNTAINS	MTNS
NECK	NCK
ORCHARD	ORCH
OVAL	OVAL

OVERPASS	OPAS
PARK	PARK
PARKS	PARK
PARKWAY	PKWY
PARKWAYS	PKWY
PASS	PASS
PASSAGE	PSGE
PATH	PATH
PIKE	PIKE
PINE	PNE
PINES	PNES
PLACE	PL
PLAIN	PLN
PLAINS	PLNS
PLAZA	PLZ
POINT	PT
POINTS	PTS
PORT	PRT
PORTS	PRTS
PRAIRIE	PR
RADIAL	RADL
RAMP	RAMP
RANCH	RNCH
RAPID	RPD
RAPIDS	RPDS
REST	RST
RIDGE	RDG
RIDGES	RDGS
RIVER	RIV
ROAD	RD
ROADS	RDS
ROUTE	RTE
ROW	ROW
RUE	RUE
RUN	RUN
SHOAL	SHL
SHOALS	SHLS

SHORE	SHR
SHORES	SHRS
SKYWAY	SKWY
SPRING	SPG
SPRINGS	SPGS
SPUR	SPUR
SPURS	SPUR
SQUARE	SQ
SQUARES	SQS
STATION	STA
STRAVENUE	STRA
STREAM	STRM
STREET	ST
STREETS	STS
SUMMIT	SMT
TERRACE	TER
THROUGHWAY	TRWY
TRACE	TRCE
TRACK	TRAK
TRAFFICWAY	TRFY
TRAIL	TRL
TRAILER	TRLR
TUNNEL	TUNL
TURNPIKE	TPKE
UNDERPASS	UPAS
UNION	UN
UNIONS	UNS
VALLEY	VLV
VALLEYS	VLVS
VIADUCT	VIA
VIEW	VW
VIEWS	VWS
VILLAGE VILL	VLG
VILLAGES	VLGS
VILLE	VL
VISTA	VIS
WALK	WALK

WALKS	WALK
WALL	WALL
WAY	WAY
WAYS	WAYS
WELL	WL
WELLS	WLS

Appendix B

Address Standardization - County, State, Local Highways

The following are examples of county, state, and local highway primary names and the recommended standardized format. These are not the only possible examples.

<i>Examples in Use</i>	<i>Standard</i>
COUNTY HIGHWAY 140	COUNTY HIGHWAY 140
COUNTY HWY 60E	COUNTY HIGHWAY 60E
CNTY HWY 20	COUNTY HIGHWAY 20
COUNTY RD 441	COUNTY ROAD 441
COUNTY ROAD 110	COUNTY ROAD 110
CR 1185	COUNTY ROAD 1185
CNTY RD 33	COUNTY ROAD 33
FL COUNTY RD 150	FL COUNTY ROAD 150
FLORIDA COUNTY ROAD 555 (excessive characters)	FL COUNTY ROAD 555
EXPRESSWAY 55	EXPRESSWAY 55
FARM to MARKET 1200	FM 1200
FM 187	FM 187
HWY FM 1320	FM 1320
HIGHWAY 101	HIGHWAY 101
HIWAY 1080A	HIGHWAY 1080A
HWY 64	HIGHWAY 64
HWY 11 BYPASS	HIGHWAY 11 BYP
HWY 66 FRONTAGE ROAD	HIGHWAY 66 FRONTAGE RD
HIGHWAY 3 BYP ROAD	HIGHWAY 3 BYPASS RD
I10	INTERSTATE 10
INTERSTATE 40	INTERSTATE 40
IH280	INTERSTATE 280

INTERSTATE HWY 680
I 55 BYPASS
I 26 BYP ROAD
I 44 FRONTAGE ROAD
LOOP 410
RD 5A
ROAD 22
RT 88
RTE 95
ROUTE 1150EE
RANCH RD 620
ST HIGHWAY 303
STATE HWY 60
SR 220
ST RD 86
STATE ROAD 55
SR MM
ST RT 175
STATE RTE 260
TOWNSHIP RD 20
TSR 45
US 41 SW
US HWY 44
US HIGHWAY 70
FLORIDA 440
FLORIDA HIGHWAY 189
FL 1207
FL HWY 75
FL ST HWY 1
FL STATE HIGHWAY 24
FLORIDA STATE HIGHWAY 625
(excessive characters)

INTERSTATE 680
INTERSTATE 55 BYP
INTERSTATE 26 BYPASS RD
INTERSTATE 44 FRONTAGE RD
LOOP 410
ROAD 5A
ROAD 22
ROUTE 88
ROUTE 95
ROUTE 1150EE
RANCH ROAD 620
STATE HIGHWAY 303
STATE HIGHWAY 60
STATE ROAD 220
STATE ROAD 86
STATE ROAD 55
STATE ROUTE MM
STATE ROUTE 175
STATE ROUTE 260
TOWNSHIP ROAD 20
TOWNSHIP ROAD 45
US HIGHWAY 41 SW
US HIGHWAY 44
US HIGHWAY 70
FL HIGHWAY 440
FL HIGHWAY 189
FL HIGHWAY 1207
FL HIGHWAY 75
FL STATE HIGHWAY 1
FL STATE HIGHWAY 24
FL STATE HIGHWAY 625

Note: When the name of a state is used as a portion of the Primary Street Name, the standard two-letter abbreviation is recommended as depicted in the previous examples. However, when the state name is the complete Primary Street Name, such as OKLAHOMA AVE, then the state name should be spelled out completely.

Appendix C

Unit Designator Abbreviations

<i>Description</i>	<i>Approved Abbreviation</i>
Apartment	APT
Basement	BSMT**
Blank, unable to determine*	
Building	BLDG
Department	DEPT
Floor	FL
Front	FRNT**
Hanger	HNGR
Key	KEY
Lobby	LBBY**
Lot	LOT
Lower	LOWR**
Office	OFC**
Penthouse	PH**
Pier	PIER
Rear	REAR**
Room	RM
Side	SIDE**
Slip	SLIP
Space	SPC
Stop	STOP
Suite	STE
Trailer	TRLR
Unit	UNIT
Upper	UPPR**

* Requires the pound sign (#) to be used on the mailpiece.

** Does not require a Secondary RANGE to follow.

Appendix D

State Abbreviations

<i>State/Possession</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>
Alabama	AL
Alaska	AK
American Samoa	AS
Arizona	AZ
Arkansas	AR
California	CA
Colorado	CO
Connecticut	CT
Delaware	DE
District of Columbia	DC
Federated States of Micronesia	FM
Florida	FL
Georgia	GA
Guam	GU
Hawaii	HI
Idaho	ID
Illinois	IL
Indiana	IN
Iowa	IA
Kansas	KS
Kentucky	KY
Louisiana	LA
Maine	ME
Marshall Islands	MH
Maryland	MD
Massachusetts	MA
Michigan	MI
Minnesota	MN
Mississippi	MS
Missouri	MO
Montana	MT
Nebraska	NE
Nevada	NV
New Hampshire	NH
New Jersey	NJ
New Mexico	NM

New York	NY
North Carolina	NC
North Dakota	ND
Northern Mariana Islands	MP
Ohio	OH
Oklahoma	OK
Oregon	OR
Palau	PW
Pennsylvania	PA
Puerto Rico	PR
Rhode Island	RI
South Carolina	SC
South Dakota	SD
Tennessee	TN
Texas	TX
Utah	UT
Vermont	VT
Virgin Islands	VI
Virginia	VA
Washington	WA
West Virginia	WV
Wisconsin	WI
Wyoming	WY